

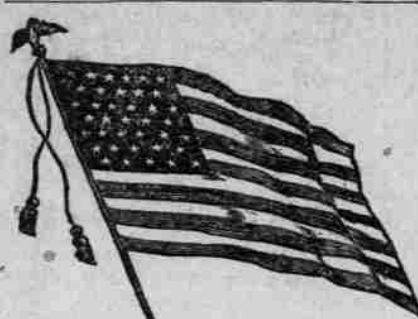
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"Who will haul down the flag?" quoth he,
And no man an answer gave.
But who will haul up the flag, ask we,
Where the flag ought never wave?
Over an arrogant misdeed of spoil,
That takes as a matter of course,
A subject race and a conquered soil,
And a government based on force!
Answer us—answer us true and fair,
Who will haul up Old Glory there?"

OUR WAR WITH FILIPINOS.

Once more blood has been shed at Manila and once more this nation is at war. We had hardly concluded a war with a tyrannical foe which had sought to oppress a helpless people. The world had given us credit for conducting a war for humanity. We are about to begin a war with a helpless people, fighting for their own freedom. If, when the American colonies had revolted against English tyranny, a strange nation had vanquished the armies of King George and then demanded the submission of George Washington to another foreign master, who promised a more liberal form of government, but still a government of alien blood and foreign power, the American rebels of 1776 would have been confronted by the same conditions that confront the Filipino rebels of 1899. Would Washington have submitted?

We are strong enough to crush the Filipinos. We can maim, kill and slaughter if we please 9,000,000 inhabitants of islands 10,000 miles removed from us. We have the power. It may be that the administration has the inclination. But it will be an unnecessary, a wicked and an unholy war. Volunteer soldiers from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, California and other western states are the first to go to the front. They enlisted to fight the Spaniards who were persecuting the Cubans. They are called upon to kill the Filipinos, who, like the Cubans, had rebelled against the tyranny of Spain.

It is to be hoped that later news will show the attack, if one was made, was by irresponsible insurgents, and without the knowledge or consent of Aguinaldo. Still it is easy enough to understand why the insurgent chief would want to precipitate what he seems to consider the inevitable. He knows that 7,000 American soldiers are en route to Manila to reinforce General Otis and it would be good generalship to do his best to destroy the American army before it was made stronger by additional troops. Aguinaldo's record justifies the belief that he is far from being a weakling in war, or an idle boaster in peace. If we are to fight him we should enter the conflict with the understanding that we can not do in a few weeks or months what Spain failed to do in 100 years. It will be serious business from start to finish and it will be costly in human lives and treasure. But why should we be at war with the Filipinos? What have they done to us that we should want to kill them?

If it is war, we are entering upon a conflict which Spain sold to us after vainly trying for a century to make the inhabitants accept her sovereignty. We have taken Spain's unsuccessful crusade against the Filipinos off her hands to do exactly what she failed to do. Undoubtedly the insurgents will yield sooner or later. They will have to. They are not dealing with weak Spain, but with powerful America and they will only beat against the wind if they resist. Nor will the plea that they are, by right, and ought to be, a free and independent people avail them anything. They are wanted for subjects of the new American colonial empire and those of them who persist in claiming that they have rights that the United States and the other nations are in honor bound to respect will be taught a wholesome lesson in

the doctrine that might makes right and that it is quite consistent for the world's greatest republic to subjugate the people and destroy the government of other republics. Perhaps Senator Hoar talked wiser than he knew when he said the downfall of the republic of the United States would date from the administration of William McKinley. Coming events are casting dark shadows over the land, but the people are more than equal to any emergency, but not unless they assert themselves.—K. C. Times.

Resubmission Is Inevitable.

"It is not the billows, but the calm level of the sea from which all heights and depths are measured." If the present Legislature takes the waves just now created by the little storm of prohibitionists as the basis for determining public sentiment, they will not resubmit the constitutional prohibition amendment to the people, but when the calm comes, after the Legislature has adjourned, it will be found that the level of public opinion is below the waves—that the great body of business, moral and practical thought in Kansas is for resubmission.

A majority of the voters, after seven years of trial of prohibition, are in favor of letting the people say whether or not they want to continue it. Tens of thousands of earnest, consistent prohibitionists and tens of thousands total abstainers, yet anti-prohibitionists, want this matter passed upon again and finally settled. Many of the drug store men and "jointests" are against resubmission, because they flourish under the present regime. Strange that they should be with the scores of thousands of zealous and good temperance men and women, for prohibition as it is, yet such is the case. Resubmissionists are not petitioning and writing to the Legislature as are the extreme prohibitionists. Over one hundred thousand of them are not lawyers, agitators and city and county politicians, who seek to work the churches and the "joints" alike to get into office.

At the election when prohibition was passed upon eighteen years ago, it did not get a majority of the voters cast at that election, but carried because thousands neglected or forgot to vote either way. The total vote on President in Kansas in 1880 was 205,756, yet only 94,302 voted for the prohibitory amendment to 84,304 against it; 30,000 voters who went to the polls did not express their wish or opinion.

Since that men have argued that since only 95,000 voted for it and 111,000 against it or not for it, the people didn't really want it, therefore it should not be enforced. Also they now say the State has grown to 340,000 voters and the exercise of the right to vote prohibition up or down, after seventeen years of trial, should not be denied.

Prohibition in Kansas can never be generally enforced the way public sentiment is divided. The law is a mere farce. County and city officers do not dare not—do their duty and in nine-tenths of the counties of the State saloons or "joints" run openly, say nothing of drug stores. This is why practical, serious, observing men, taxpayers and law respecting citizens, want the question resubmitted to the people—the source of all power and all law. Then, if it carries it can be, will be, must be enforced. Resubmission is inevitable soon or late.—Paola Spirit.

THE NESS CITY NEWS says: "If the people desire to bring their children up as bums and drunkards let the state establish a normal school at Great Bend." The Ness City News evidently gets its information about Great Bend from Deacon Armstrong's gall vent, the Beacon, as that paper has been industriously circulating the false report that Great Bend jointists are more honorable than the Great Bend councilmen, mayor and city attorney; that the majority of our people are anarchists and law-breakers; and that the Deacon and a few others of his way of thinking have a monopoly on good citizenship. The Ness City paper should not be so head-bounded as to take the word of a blatherer. Its comment, however, is the natural result of Great Bend people encouraging such a busy body and slander-monger as the Deacon.

THE average American citizen will not find much cause for glorying over the defeat, by the United States troops, of the Philippine Islanders armed with bows and arrows and fighting for their independence.

RICHARD CROKER, Tamany boss says: "If this silver question comes again before the people and is made a factor in the national platform, the moneyed men of the East will look for investment outside of this country and the banks in other states in the union will be unable to borrow money in the east. The result will be that the poor will be the greatest sufferers."

His reason for opposing silver are the best reasons in its favor. When a few moneyed aristocrats have it in their power, under the monetary system of the present, to bring on hard times at will by contracting the volume of the currency in order to coerce the people into a continued support of such a system, there is no better evidence of the necessity of its destruction. Croker voices the sentiments of the great money barons of the entire country. They are as arrogant and dictatorial as the lords of feudalism and as tyrannical and unmerciful as petty despots. Their open threats to take their money out of the country for no other reason than to impoverish and ruin the people, should arouse every patriotic voter to a realization of the danger of the gold standard. Such nabobs should have their wings clipped. The people should have the courage to go to the polls and elect men to office with courage enough to do the clipping. Give the people free silver and if that is not enough then give them legal tender treasury notes good for the payment of all debts.—Emporia Times.

SOME Kansas fellows are making a bluff to take a slice off the state of Missouri, claiming an irregularity of an old survey through the shifting of the Kaw's mouth. The real cause back of this move is that Kansans have bought Union avenue on the installment plan and paid for it ten times over, but never got a deed. Better let it go, gentlemen. The best way you can even up with Missouri is quit buying Union avenue wet goods. We gave up our equity in that real estate several years ago and quit paying the interest of 15 cents a drink \$3.50 a case and \$4.00 a gallon. The accumulated investment of many years was big, but a bad one and we made money by letting it slide.—Paola Spirit.

With the Nicaragua canal almost certain to be built and the water turned into the Cheyenne bottoms the supremacy of the United States as a naval power can not be questioned.—Hutchinson News.

Yes, when congress appropriates money for the dredging of the Arkansas, government vessels can lie at anchor in Cheyenne bay with absolute safety.—Hosington Dispatch.

MOHT as well begin now to organize a reception to the first squadron that will visit Port Hosington. Will Commodore Clark and Admiral Emley please call a meeting to put preparations under way?

THE citizens of Great Bend and Barton county offer to donate the Central Normal College to the state for a normal school. The location makes it easy of access from all the central and western part of the state and the population in a radius of one hundred miles is amply sufficient to guarantee a large attendance at all times. The people of this portion of the state are anxious for the state to take control of it. The state will surely accept the generous offer of Great Bend to donate a \$40,000 building to it for normal school purposes.—Sterling Democrat.

THE new insurance law, prepared by Webb McNeill and passed by the special session of the legislature, has already, by the first of February turned over \$8,000 into the state treasury. And your insurance has not been increased, reader. Besides, the insurance companies, by paying this 2 per cent. levy, have shown that they are not in accord with Attorney General Goddard on the question of the legality of the special session. Long live Webb McNeill.

THE Tribune of this city recently warned the republicans to "let the special session alone—other people have glass houses"—or something to that effect. So, gradually the republicans of the state are realizing what an unpleasant hole Attorney General Goddard has put the republicans of Kansas into.

NOTICE—Langham & Son have sold out. Please call and settle.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

How about your pump?

St. Valentines day next Tuesday.

Alaska Pine Cough Syrup, Sold at Allen's.

Railroading for the past week has been no snap.

Rev. G. W. Baker was down from Heizer, Tuesday.

Possum Possum, where? at Wilson & McCullough's.

Jacob McCall was up from Ellinwood last week to visit his people.

Anything in the lunch line is always found at Wilson & McCullough's.

Frank C. Feist, now of Manchester, Ok., reads the DEMOCRAT for 1899.

Alaska Pine Cough Syrup is "tried and true." Sold at Allen's Drug Store.

The only lunch counter that is open night and day is Wilson & McCullough.

Childrens coughs yield to Alaska Pine Syrup. Sold at Allen's Drug Store.

Will Murphy is the new man in charge of affairs at the Odell skimming station.

Hay, do you like pie. If so try that banana pie of

WILSON & McCULLOUGH'S.

Thawing out pumps and water pipes has been the order of the day for a week past.

Joe Ewalt has been home a couple of weeks, looking after that new baby at his house.

All parties owing us MUST call and settle. At old stand.

LANGHAM & SON.

Every woman is pleased when left to her own reflections, and that is what mirrors are for.

Men are seldom as good as they pretend to be, or as bad as they are made out to be.

If you want a lunch, you will fail if you don't stop at

WILSON & McCULLOUGH'S.

Jonah Tullis says the coyotes are too plentiful, over south of the river. Organize a drive.

Randall Livesay came up from Topeka for a few days visit with friends, last week.

Chas. V. Brinkman and A. E. Desmond have been spending the past week in Kansas City.

Are you ready to settle? You will find us at the old stand.

LANGHAM & SON.

No geese have been observed going north the past week—they are not that kind of geese.

No assessment in the Woodmen for February. There were but ten assessments all told, in 1898.

F. M. Lorrimer called Saturday to add his name to our rapidly growing list of unrepaid readers.

"In his blunt way," Councilman Harry Shore goes straight to the point and makes every word count.

Having sold our stock we must insist that parties owing us call and make settlement. LANGHAM & SON.

Elmer Brodie's mother, near Verbeck sustained a badly sprained ankle by slipping on the ice one day last week.

It costs the "cash grabber" 4 cents to get a letter containing a check from Joe Sprinker, at Ellinwood. Ask Eppstein.

If Aguinaldo's bowmen and spearmen had a little of the Kansas weather of the past week their ardor would be somewhat cooled.

The stockman who had plenty of feed and shelter for animals the past week is not worrying about "When the roses come again!"

A cough or a coffin? Cure one and keep out of the way of the other by taking Alaska Pine Cough Syrup. Sold at Allen's Drug Store.

If you register now and do not move from the ward you are now in, you are registered for the whole year. Don't neglect this public duty.

Connad Rush, of Rice county, was in this county last week visiting friends and incidentally picking up some bargains in stock cattle.

The men who will make the most desirable husbands are so interested in work that the girls have to go out and lay traps to catch them.

The Great Bend Marble Works are ready to furnish you anything in the line of Monuments, Tombstones, etc. See J. A. Bland, Salesman

The Majestic is the best stove on earth. If you do not believe it let us put one in your house on trial.

GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

The treasurer's quarterly statement, published this week, shows that Barton county has nearly \$100,000 on deposit in the two banks in this city.

Topeka, where the prohibs say prohibition really and truly prohibits, collected, for the month of February, \$1,150 in fines from her joints.

And now it is said the Beacon wants a \$10,000 grand jury for Barton county. Excuse us, please, that is a luxury Barton county will get along without.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with Miller's Glovine. It is not a liquid, leaves no odor, and can be used while the glove is on the hand. Sold only by Hooper Drug Co.

The cold weather having stopped wheat hauling, W. F. Putnam locked up his office at McCracken Friday, and came down to visit a few days with his family.

They tell it on a third ward man, that he went home the other night and drank a pint of yeast, mistaking it for buttermilk. He was an early riser the next morning.

While it is too cold to do anything else, make plans for organizing a race course and bicycle track association. We want something of that kind for Great Bend next summer.

Call at our store and get one of our '99 Calendars so that you will better remember the store where prices are the lowest and goods the best.

GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

Mercury ranged from 10 to 14 degrees below zero in various thermometers about town last Saturday morning, between 7 and 8 o'clock. It might have been colder, but we don't think.

Messrs. Cooke & Lockhart, of the Ellinwood Leader, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Cooke assuming all debts and collecting all accounts, as sole editor and publisher of the Leader.

Mrs. Sarah Young, an aged colored woman, mother of Mrs. Sam Saunders, died at the home of the latter last Friday. She was upwards of 80 years old. The funeral took place Sunday the 5th.

Several north side farmers of Barton county were caught in the Russell bank failure last week. It might be appropriate to remark right here that there has never been a bank failure in Great Bend.

A New Jersey woman cut off her tongue because she talked too much. That was a pretty severe cure, but they say she's a mighty pleasant, comfortable woman to have around the house now.

REMEMBER—The next date for Dr. Tuttle, at hotel Greene, is Feb. 18th. Call early. All diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat treated and spectacles fitted.

The boys up at Olmitz say Joe Pizinger is glad there is a drug store there, as he can now have his favorite prescription sent to him at the hotel. The first delivery was made about the first of January.

Independent township is asking for bids for four stone street crossings at Clafin, crossings to be 4x50 feet, 7 inches thick. Send bids to J. B. Fredrick, trustee or F. V. Roessler, clerk, at Clafin.

Ed. Hotchkiss is in receipt of a letter from Capt. J. B. Hannum in which the letter states that the Copper King is holding its own; that they were offered \$8,000 for one-sixth interest in the mine.

An eastern woman in replying to the men's charge that women paint, says the men never saw an angel who was not painted. And, by the same token, no man ever saw a "man" angel with whiskers and things.

Charley Swartz had an urgent call that took him to Lindsburg, last Saturday over the Mo. P. Happily, however, he had the best of company on the return trip, and when Charley goes east now he don't go so far east.

The population of Kansas increased nearly 25,000 during the past year. Which goes to prove that the outside world don't take much stock in the political traducers who the past few years have been belittling our fair state.

F. J. Herman, section foreman on the Santa Fe, dropped in Monday to get acquainted, and to order the DEMOCRAT for 1899. Mr. Herman has been 13 years in the railroad business, 10 years of which time he has been section foreman, and he has never been reprimanded or laid off for neglect of duty.

Ear and shelled corn for sale. WINTERBURG & NEWCOMBE.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature prohibiting the shooting of prairie chickens until 1902. What we would like to see is a bill prohibiting the marketing of the common "spring" chicken of commerce after four years of age.—Council Grove Republican.

In behalf of our citizens who want to attend all the good things that come along we want to make a request to the city council and the city school board that they try and arrange hereafter to hold meetings on different nights, so that we can take 'em both in.

E. R. Tuttle, eye, ear, nose and throat surgeon, will be at Hotel Greene Great Bend, Saturday, February 18th, 1899. All persons desiring the services of a reliable specialist in this line should not fail to call early and make appointments. Spectacles fitted.

R. K. Porter a young friend of Jessie James and Al. Spencer's, from Champaign, Ills., is in the city on a visit and may remain sometime. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer gave him a reception last Friday evening, inviting in a few friends to spend a very enjoyable evening.

Senator Armstrong has introduced a bill in the senate to provide for the condemnation of lands for strage fake purposes. This measure, if it becomes a law, will enable the appointment of appraisers to fix the value of the lands to be flooded to create the Cheyenne lake.

Attorney D. A. Banta visited Judge Clark in chambers at Sterling last week, and secured the release of the man Tubbs, on a writ of habeas corpus. Tubbs was under arrest for attempting to kill his wife a month or more ago, having been bound over to the district court for trial.

Somebody wants us to tell those effected with a bad cold, that "an onion eaten raw will clear the head." It will do more than that it will clear the whole room. In Topeka it is said to have cleared out a whole school. A good sized Kansas onion is a regular clearing house all by itself.

After the wolf hunt Tuesday, we had the pleasure of accepting a sumptuous lunch at the home of Henry Miller, in Buffalo township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are splendidly fixed upon one of the best farms along Dry Walnut, and know, too, exactly how to satisfy the cravings of a tired huntsman.

As a rule a country girl makes a better wife than a town girl, she has muscle and knows how to use it, she is healthier and not afraid to start out poor and save up. The town girl is generally "too fussy" and only nice to look at, and go with. The girl who can cook and wash and iron and milk and churn and raise pigs and chickens and geese and ducks and turkeys and children at the same time is the kind that don't cost dentists and doctor bills and they come from the country.—News Leaf.

THE Wolf Hunt.

It's all right. We've been there and know it is from personal participation. You all don't want to fail to turn out to the next one—next Tuesday. It is great fun, good exercise and in a worthy cause.

Accepting the invitation of Fred Miller and wife and Fred Hemperky the editor of the DEMOCRAT shouldered his 32 Marlin and joined the circle Tuesday, starting on the east line about 12:15 P. M. We tramped through the snow, over plowed ground, wheat fields and meadow for about fifteen miles, occasionally hastening the speed of a jumping jilin rabbit with this whistle of a 32, but drawing no blood, until we reached the vicinity of the rounding up point. Four wolves and several hundred jack rabbits had been encircled; but the north line this time was leaky, and all the wolves broke through on that side. Some dogs, however, captured one of the wolves after a short and exciting chase.

The day was raw, and there were not half as many out as there would have been had the weather been more pleasant. The south and west lines were brought up in good order, the east line was straggling, and the north line was, as before stated, not brought up.

The drive will be repeated again next Tuesday, the 14th, over the same grounds, with the same alignment and same officers. The start on the lines will be made at 1 o'clock instead of at 12. Get your dinner at 12, and be on the line ready to start at 1. Marshals and captains should see that the lines are not bunched.

If you bother with cold feet or a chilly feeling this cold weather you should eat chillie at

WILSON & McCULLOUGH'S.

The DEMOCRAT, \$1.00 a year.